

FROM ROSENA, CALIF.

N. A. F., Dear Brother in Christ:—In answer to your request will say I am in California, it is true, but I am not hid as ye suppose. I am pastor of the Brethren Church or congregation in Rosena, Cal., preaching nearly every Lord's day in town; Sabbath School every Sunday at 10 A. M., and preaching at 11 A. M., prayer meeting every Thursday night. Our Sabbath School is a grand success, and can't be otherwise, under the management of Sister Allabaugh, superintendent, and Sister Shewalter, teacher of the young people's Bible class. We use the Brethren literature in our Sunday-school and have ever since the School commenced, and hope every Brethren Sunday School will do likewise. It is not unreasonable but just what all our schools should do. Therefore Brother N. A. F., you see by the help of God we have our lamps trimmed and burning. I hope all those whom you have called upon to give an account of their stewardship will respond through the EVANGELIST.

DEAR BRO.:—We read in Matthew xviii, 18, "Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Was this power of binding and loosing given to the church (or congregation,) or to the twelve apostles, or to Peter only? If this power was not given to the church but Peter only (or the twelve) how does it come that some churches have required at the hands of their offending brethren to ask the church to forgive or pardon them? Please give us the best you have in store on this question through the EVANGELIST. Wishing you all a blessed New Year, I remain your brother,

Very Truly, JOHN NICHOLSON.

FROM SOUTH WILLMINGTON, IND.

DEAR READERS:—I thought that a few words from this neck of woods would not be out of place. Our church is alive, and we contemplate building a church house in the near future. We have no place to worship, only a school-house. It will be one year the 24th of this month, since I came to this place. Since that time I have been under the doctor's care, about two months; the balance of the time, I have been doing what I could on my farm. Got but little off the farm, and received but very little for my service for the Master; so you can see at once that it keeps the pocket-book low, and for this reason I have not contributed more for our paper, but I feel well paid for my labors here. There has been twenty-one precious souls born into the kingdom. We have prayer-meeting every Wednesday evening. Oh, that God would move upon the hearts of

the people of this place. There are so many that we would love to see in the church. When I look around and see so many precious souls going down the everlasting night, our prayer goes up to him who is able to save, Father spare them a little longer; the harvest is truly great, and the laborers are few. Brethren let us pray more earnestly that God might move upon the hearts of the wayward, that the borders of Zion might be enlarged, and God's name be glorified. Brethren pray for us at this place.

Fraternally,
Jan. 8, 1895. HENRY KIZER.

FROM BURE OAK, KAN.

To the many readers of the EVANGELIST, I send greeting: I am not idle this winter. I was three weeks with the brethren in Norton and Decatur Co's. Intend to go back to Norton again in Feb. May give the brethren at Edmond some meetings. I got up a chart or painting, showing the race of man, from the garden of Eden to Paradise. The imperfect priesthood in the old dispensation; the perfect high priest in Christ; subordination to the law of Moses, and free in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Describing the fall of man, and how we are saved in Christ, and in the resurrection, showing those that are like Christ, and those that are lost, crying for the rocks and mountains to fall upon them and hide them from the presence of him that sitteth upon the throne.

Christ the central figure. As the heart of the earth is the center of all gravity pertaining to the earth, so Christ is the center of everything pertaining to heaven. Christ is the center of all time, and time will last just as long on this side of Christ as it was on the other side of Him. The creation was a type of all time. The seventh day upon which God rested, was a type of the Millennium. The day of judgment will be the harvest, and Christ will reign until the last enemy is subdued, then he will deliver up the kingdom to God, and that God may be all in all, as He was in the beginning.

H. E. FAIDLEY.

FROM LANARK, ILL.

Since our last report four have been added to the church at this place by baptism and one by relation.

Oh how we rejoice to see souls come to Christ! But we have no way of estimating the joy in heaven over the return of these precious ones. Precious to us by our associations, but far more precious to Christ in that he gave his life to redeem them. Others are thinking seriously of turning to God, and by our prayers and faithful work in his cause we trust we shall be able to report favorable soon again.

B. F. PUTERBAUGH.

WE STILL LIVE.

As my head line indicates we are still alive and at work here at Oakland, Pa. We maintain our prayer and social meetings twice a week in connection with our regular appointments twice a month. The attendance is not so encouraging but the zeal is commendable as manifested in the faithful few. We have strong opposition to contend with but we are gradually overcoming it, which gives us courage to press on. On December 1, I drove sixteen miles through rain and mud on a mission of love, arriving at brother Manuel Frenche's about two o'clock, from which place I went a short distance to the home of Martin John who had summoned me to his bedside. I found him sinking gradually. I anointed him with oil according to James 5; after which I went to father Samuel John's, and after refreshments and consultation, baptized his son, who is gradually sinking with lung trouble. I returned to the bedside of Martin John to behold him sinking and rallying alternately. He passed peacefully away at 11:30 P. M. We laid him to rest on Monday December 3. He had approached and passed seventy-nine mile stones, or years, lacking six days of four-score years.

The aged pass thus away one by one. Brother John was a member of the Brethren church for years. He leaves nine children sorrowing on account of a father gone to return no more. A home broken up, wife and mother having preceded the father some years ago.

D. J. HETRIC.

FROM HOMERVILLE, OHIO.

The protracted meeting held here by the writer has closed to-night. Night after night, for three weeks we held the fort. The weather was against us part of the time, the roads bad, and other churches held meetings all around us at the same time, yet we had fair attendance all the time, and part of the time a full house. Good interest all the time. This was one of the most glorious meetings this church ever held. God has powerfully blessed us. The immediate result was five additions to the church, and others are counting the cost. The church has been wonderfully revived. The brethren and sisters here know how to appreciate the pastor's work, and they nobly assist in the work.

H. S. JACOBS.

I LIVE in patience, in purity, and in the perfect love of God. God is my portion. He fills me with pure spiritual life. My heart is melted into holy love, and altogether devoted to my Lord. I think we ought modestly to tell what we feel to the fullest.—*Bishop Asbury's Testimony.*